

§ 590.3 Applicability.

This part applies to manufacturers of passenger cars and multipurpose passenger vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 4,536 kilograms (10,000 pounds) or less. However, this part does not apply to those motor vehicles excluded from the requirements of Standard No. 206.

§ 590.4 Definitions.

(a) All terms defined in 49 U.S.C. 30102 are used in their statutory meanings.

(b) Gross vehicle weight rating, multipurpose passenger vehicle, and passenger car are used as defined in § 571.3 of this chapter.

(c) *Production year* means the 12-month period between September 1 of one year and August 31 of the following year, inclusive.

§ 590.5 Response to inquiries.

During the production year ending August 31, 1998, each manufacturer shall, upon request from the Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, this agency, provide information regarding which vehicle makes/models are certified as complying with the provisions of S4 and S5, Standard No. 206.

§ 590.6 Reporting requirements.

(a) *General reporting requirements.* Within 60 days after the end of the production year ending August 31, 1998, each manufacturer shall submit a report to NHTSA concerning the manufacturer's compliance with the latch, hinge, and lock requirements of this standard for the back doors of its passenger cars and multipurpose passenger vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 4,536 kilograms (10,000 pounds or less) produced in that year. Each report shall:

- (1) Identify the manufacturer;
- (2) State the full name, title, and address of the official responsible for preparation of the report;
- (3) Identify the production year being reported on;
- (4) Contain a statement regarding whether or not the manufacturer complied with the back door latch, hinge, and lock requirements of this standard in the percentages specified in S4 for

the period covered by the report and the basis for that statement;

(5) Provide the information specified in § 590.7;

(6) Be written in the English language; and

(7) Be submitted to: Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, ATTN: NSA-01, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

(b) *Report content*—(1) *Basis for phase-in production goals.* Each manufacturer shall provide the number of passenger cars and multipurpose passenger vehicles with a GVWR of 4,536 kilograms (10,000 pounds) or less manufactured for sale in the United States for each of the two previous production years or, at the manufacturer's option, for the current production year. A new manufacturer that has not previously manufactured passenger cars and multipurpose passenger vehicles with a GVWR of 4,536 kilograms (10,000 pounds) or less for sale in the United States must report the number of such vehicles manufactured during the current production year.

(2) *Production.* Each manufacturer shall report for the production year for which the report is filed the number of passenger cars and multipurpose passenger vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 4,536 kilograms (10,000 pounds) or less that meet the back door latch, hinge, and lock requirements of this standard.

§ 590.7 Records.

Each manufacturer shall maintain records of the vehicle identification number of each passenger car and multipurpose passenger vehicle for which information is reported in accordance with § 590.6 until December 31, 1999.

§ 590.8 Petition to extend period to file reports.

A petition for extension of time to file a report required by S6.1 must be received not later than 15 days before expiration of the time specified in § 590.5(a). The petition must be submitted to: Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, ATTN: NSA-01, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. The filing of a petition does not automatically

extend the time for filing a report. A petition will be granted only if the petitioner shows good cause for the extension and the extension is consistent with motor vehicle safety.

PART 591—IMPORTATION OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT SUBJECT TO FEDERAL SAFETY, BUMPER AND THEFT PREVENTION STANDARDS

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§ 591.1 Scope.

This part establishes procedures governing the importation of motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment subject to the Federal motor vehicle safety, bumper, and theft prevention standards.

[55 FR 11378, Mar. 28, 1990]

§ 591.2 Purpose.

The purpose of this part is to ensure that motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment permanently imported into the United States conform with theft prevention standards issued under part 541 of this chapter and that they conform with, or are brought into conformity with, all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards issued under part 571 of this chapter and

bumper standards issued under part 581 of this chapter. The purpose of this part is also to ensure that nonconforming vehicles and equipment items imported on a temporary basis are ultimately either exported or abandoned to the United States.

[55 FR 11378, Mar. 28, 1990]

§ 591.3 Applicability.

This part applies to any person offering a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment for importation into the United States.

[55 FR 11378, Mar. 28, 1990]

§ 591.4 Definitions.

All terms used in this part that are defined in 49 U.S.C. 30102, 32101, 32301, 32502, and 33101 are used as defined in those sections except that the term "model year" is used as defined in part 593 of this chapter.

Administrator means the Administrator of NHTSA.

NHTSA means the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration of the Department of Transportation.

Dutiable value means entered value, as determined by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Original manufacturer means the entity responsible for the original manufacture or assembly of a motor vehicle, and does not include any person (other than such entity) who converts the motor vehicle after its manufacture to conformance with the Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

[54 FR 40078, Sept. 29, 1989, as amended at 55 FR 3747, Feb. 5, 1990; 55 FR 11378, Mar. 28, 1990; 59 FR 52097, Oct. 14, 1994; 60 FR 57954, Nov. 24, 1995]

§ 591.5 Declarations required for importation.

No person shall import a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment into the United States unless, at the time it is offered for importation, its importer files a declaration, in duplicate, which declares one of the following:

- (a)(1) The vehicle was not manufactured primarily for use on the public roads and thus is not a motor vehicle subject to the Federal motor vehicle